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SUBJECT: RESOLUTION ON US TRADE ACT

REF: GRENADA 0059

1. THE DELEGATION SHOULD SEEK A NUMBER OF CHANGES IN THE
DRAFT RESOLUTION BEFORE IT AGREES TO VOTE FOR THE RESO-
LUTION.

2. WE AGREE WITH THE PROPOSAL FOR A NEW FINAL PRE-
AMBULAR PARAGRAPH.

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3. THE US INTERAGENCY GSP GROUP HAS NOT DECIDED YET
WHETHER AND HOW THE US WILL ACCEPT FROM OTHER COUNTRIES
REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONS OF PRODUCTS TO GSP. PARAGRAPH 3(D)
SHOULD BE AMENDED TO READ, "TO ASSIST LATIN AMERICAN
COUNTRIES TO MAKE PROPOSALS FOR POSSIBLE IMPROVEMENT
GSP, AND EXAMINE ANY CHANGES IN PROCE-

DURES FOR HANDLING REQUESTS FOR PRODUCT CHANGES AND
ADVISE MEMBER STATES ACCORDINGLY, AND TO REVIEW ANNUALLY
THE STEPS TAKEN BY THE UNITED STATES
GOVERNMENT TO IMPROVE THE GSP/

4. PARAGRAPH 6 AS PRESENTLY DRAFTED IMPLIES THAT THE

EXECUTIVE BRANCH CAN MANIPULATE THE TRADE ACT'S PROVI-
SIONS TO THE BENEFIT OF LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES. THIS
IS NOT SO. THE PARAGRAPH SHOULD BE REWORDED: "TO URGE
THE UNITED STATES TO CONSIDER THE INTEREST OF THE LATIN
AMERICAN COUNTRIES WHEN EXAMINING AND ACTING ON REQUESTS
FOR IMPORT RELIEF FROM PRODUCTS FROM LATIN AMERICA AND
COMPLAINTS OF UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICES BY LATIN AMERICAN
EXPORTERS."

5. "WHERE POSSIBLE AND APPROPRIATE" SHOULD BE INSERTED
BEFORE "TO HOLD PRIOR" IN PARAGRAPH (7).

6. OF THE CHANGES PROPOSED ABOVE, THE DEPARTMENT CONSI-
DERS THOSE AFFECTING PARAGRAPHS 3(D), 6, AND 7 MOST
IMPORTANT. IF THE CHANGES ARE NOT ACCEPTED, THE DELEGA-
TION MAY PARTICIPATE IN A CONSENSUS OR VOTE FOR THE
RESOLUTION. HOWEVER, IN EITHER CASE IT SHOULD MAKE AN
EXPLANATION OF VOTE. WITH REGARD TO PARAGRAPH 3(D),
THE DELEGATION SHOULD STATE THAT THE INTERAGENCY GROUP
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HAS NOT COMPLETED ITS REVIEW OF GSP AND UNTIL IT DOES,
WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT FUTURE PROCEDURES FOR CHANGES WILL
BE. CONCERNING PARAGRAPH 6, THE DELEGATION SHOULD SAY
THAT THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF THE GOVERNMENT MUST OBJECT-
IVELY APPLY US TRADE LEGISLATION, WHICH IS QUITE SPECIFIC
PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO DUMPING AND SUBSIDIZATION.
CONCERNING PARAGRAPH 7, THE DELEGATION SHOULD MENTION
THAT THE UNITED STATES ATTEMPTS TO CONSULT WITH COUNTRIES
WHICH MIGHT BE AFFECTED BY PROPOSED US TRADE ACTIONS.
HOWEVER, THERE MAY BE CERTAIN EMERGENCY CASES WHERE
THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE. FINALLY, WITH REGARD TO PARAGRAPH
8, THE DELEGATION SHOULD STATE THAT THE UNITED STATES
BELIEVES ANY DETAILED DISCUSSION OF MTN TOPICS SHOULD
TAKE PLACE IN THE VARIOUS NEGOTIATING GROUPS IN GENEVA. VANCE

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